



# TOWN OF SURF CITY

## July 19, 2019 WORK SESSION MINUTES

9:00 AM / Friday, July 19, 2019

Surf City Welcome Center, 102 N. Shore Drive

### **Council Members Present:**

Mayor Douglas C. Medlin

Mayor Pro-Tem William J. Fowler

Donald Helms

Nelva Albury

Teresa Batts

Jeremy Shugarts

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Douglas C. Medlin

### **Invocation & Pledge**

### **Introductions & Welcome**

### **Work Plan**

1. One-Way-Streets Proposal
2. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 5k
3. Beautification & Appearance Committee Appointments
4. Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel

### **Town Council Work Plan Items:**

#### **1. One-Way-Streets Proposal**

Chad Merritt, Parks & Recreation Director, gave a proposal to create one-way streets at High Point Ave, Kinston Ave., and on N. Shore Drive between Neptune and Broadway. He also proposed a crosswalk on N. Shore Drive at the Broadway Street beach access. He explained current traffic and pedestrian concerns in these certain areas; and that creating one-way streets would alleviate these concerns and create a safer environment; and that the streets are very narrow. Rocky Godwin with 50 South Surf Shop has also voiced concerns regarding the narrow streets and high volume of vehicular traffic and foot traffic. Residents around the N. Shore Drive Broadway beach access have voiced concerns regarding public safety concerns with pedestrians, as this area has high amounts of foot traffic because of the park and public bathrooms.

Chief Wilson, Fire Chief and Chief Shanahan, Police Chief were supportive of the newly created one-way streets.

Mr. Fowler requested that Chad speak with Ward Realty to see if they had any concerns with the one-way street at Kinston Ave.

Mayor requested that Chad speak with the businesses located along the proposed one-way streets.

Mrs. Batts recommended an overall traffic study within the town as there are many side streets that are very narrow on the island, specifically Greensboro Ave.

The council came to the consensus to conduct a traffic study and move forward with a plan and design after speaking with impacted property owners.

## **2. Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 5k**

Chad Merritt, Parks & Recreation Director, presented adding a 5k Run to the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The event would be held before the annual ceremony would start. Becky Filler, a local resident, proposed the idea to the special events committee, and the proceeds would be given to the Surf City school for game fields. This would not cause any additional funding from the town because we already have our annual event going on. He asked for the fees to be waived for the entire event, since it would be part of our annual event. This is a good thing for the community.

The council came to the consensus to move forward with adding the 5k to the Tree Lighting Ceremony and waiving the fees.

## **3. Beautification & Appearance Committee Appointments**

The council came to the consensus to move forward with appointing the two applicants to the August council agenda.

## **4. Closed Session NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel**

Mr. Helms made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC GS 143-318.11(a)(6) personnel. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Albury made a motion to advertise for a town manager and a planner. Mrs. Batts seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Albury made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Shugarts seconded the motion and it was carried.